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TriMark USA Announces Acquisition of Chefs' Toys

Purchase of the 24th largest distributor in the nation marks TriMark's first major acquisition with their new private equity partners

SOUTH ATTLEBORO, MA – March 1, 2018 – TriMark USA, LLC President & CEO, Jerry Hyman, announced today the acquisition of Chefs' Toys.

Chefs' Toys is an award winning, industry-leading foodservice equipment and supplies distributor in Southern California with seven superstores and a range of services including design, installation, construction and ecommerce.

Chefs' Toys President, Steve Dickler, and Vice President, Mike Krepistman, along with their team of talented professionals, have held to their mission of helping chefs with an unwavering focus on providing superior services, quality products and specialized solutions to meet the needs of an increasingly demanding and complex foodservice industry.

"We are so thankful to our loyal customers and our incredible employees who have brought us to this point of success", says Steve Dickler. "We are excited to have the resources and support of TriMark USA to help us grow to the next level. This is a great day for our company and our team, as it is a testament to the phenomenal business that we have all built together!"

The acquisition strengthens TriMark's position in the industry, consolidating their presence in the California market and expanding its distribution capacity for equipment and supplies in the Los Angeles area.

"We are very pleased to add Chefs' Toys to the TriMark portfolio," said Jerry Hyman of this latest acquisition. "We have reached another significant milestone with accelerated growth which will expand our capabilities and directly benefit our customers." Senior Leadership will remain at Chefs' Toys, continuing to serve their loyal foodservice customers in the marketplace.

About TriMark Chefs' Toys

In 1988, Steve Dickler, a former chef, founded the company to fill the need for knife sharpening. In the years that followed, the business grew to include mobile trucks and then several major superstores throughout the Southern California region. In more recent years, they opened a state of the art distribution center, acquired a well-respected design firm, and brought in highly skilled industry experts to expand its product selection and offer sought after services and consultation.

About TriMark USA

TriMark USA, LLC is the country's largest provider of design services, equipment, and supplies to the foodservice industry. TriMark offers foodservice operators an unparalleled level of service by combining the hands-on support and local market knowledge of a strong regional supplier with the purchasing strength, industry expertise, delivery, and installation capabilities of a national company. TriMark Divisions include TriMark Adams-Burch in Landover, MD; TriMark Economy Restaurant Fixtures in San Francisco and Sacramento, CA; TriMark Federighi Design in Richmond, CA; TriMark Foodcraft in Winston-Salem, NC; TriMark Gill Group in Crofton, MD, TriMark Gill Marketing in Phoenix, AZ; TriMark Hockenbergs in Omaha, NE; TriMark Marlinn in Chicago, IL; TriMark R.W. Smith in San Diego, CA; TriMark Orange County in Irvine, CA; TriMark SS Kemp in Cleveland, OH, Pittsburgh, PA, Columbus, OH, and Cincinnati, OH; TriMark Strategic in Lewisville, TX with locations in Texas, Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee; TriMark Minnesota with locations in Eagan, Plymouth and St. Cloud MN; TriMark United East in South Attleboro, MA; and BigTray in San Francisco, CA. For more information, please visit <u>www.trimarkusa.com</u>.

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